

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 2154**

**PATENT**  
5681-69800/SUN030225

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Application No.:	10/670,549	§	Examiner:	Naurot Ton, Joan
Filed:	September 25, 2003	§	Group/Art Unit:	2154
Inventor:		§	Atty. Dkt. No:	5681-69800
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Title:	METHOD AND SYSTEM	§		
	FOR PRESENCE STATE	§		
	ASSIGNMENT BASED	§		
	ON SCHEDULE	§		
	INFORMATION IN AN	§		
	INSTANT MESSAGING	§		
	SYSTEM	§		

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION OF OCTOBER 5, 2007**

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Action of October 5, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below.